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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to an Office Action dated October 30, 2002. With the extension, a response is due on or before February 28, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the one-month extension fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

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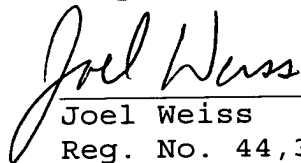
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The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



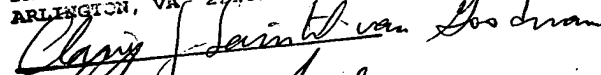
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